



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 8049.0012-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Oscar Lee AVANT et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
Application No.: 09/652,708 ) Examiner: Daniel K. Schlak  
Filed: August 31, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 3485  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR )  
READING AN IDENTIFICATION CODE )  
FROM A MAILPIECE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the  
Office Action of April 21, 2004. A fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time and charge any additional  
required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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